

CHAPTER VL

THE REPLY. It seemed indeed that the artist's prediction that the mystery of the sea road would remain a mystery forever was destined to be fulfilled. The days came and went, and there were no developments to encourage a faltering and disgusted police. It was the more strange because a full description of poor Annotte had been published in all the papers, and there had been a deal of interest in the matter. But public interest to be kept alive must be fed, and one morning the city editors of the several dailies awoke to find a choice collection of new material for interesting reading and straightway pigeonholed the old till duller times. And so the poor creature with the wounded intellect was for-

A very rich man had suddenly and completely disappeared under circumstances so suspicions as to warrant the most sheeking speculations. And the newspapers did not spare their readers' feelings. The reason was simply that the newspapers had learned from long experience that their readers did not desire to be spared-in fact, would be rather inclined to resent any such forethought on the part of the newsgatherers. For this and the other good reason that the supplemental mystery of the assault on Ellen Maxey never got into print at all the matter dropped.

And so Maxey's great double mystery remained in spite of his almost frantic attempts to dispel it. No new clews appeared, and the old ones, like the footsteps in the field at Somerset, led nowhere. The police were discouraged, and even Dr. Lamar gave it as his opinion that time spent in looking into this mat-

ter was time wasted. Miss Maxey fulfilled the physician's predictions by getting well in a few days, but the poor, frightened face that looked forth from the pillows in the little alcove room was as pale and pitiful as ever. The experiments with music, as a power for good, which promised so much in the beginning, justified Dr. Lambr's ferebodings in the end. Never after that first day were the emotions aroused in the patient of sufficient strength to cause her to lose consciousness. Music always attracted her, interested her, even drove off for a time that monotonous motion of the hands which seemed so dreadful to the strong, healthy people about her, but it left no permanent impression. It was not progressive. It was not an educator. Alas for honest Julian's simple and beautiful idea of bringing her back to her lost world!

The thought was too poetic for reality. In vain did pretty Ellen Maxey sing her The wan face still turned with the same mute terror upon her surroundings. The eyes never ceased the restless search for the horror that did not come, and the small, white hands continued to clasp and unclasp themselves

But one day there was a change in the symptoms. A peculiar spasmodic action of the muscles of the face and limbs began to manfest itself. When Dr. Lamar raw this, his face lighted up with a sudten hope.

For a long time he had been very grave. He had gone about in a continual abstraction and had even been occasionally seen with his umbrella under his arm in fine weather, an unmistakable indication that he was becoming absentminded. Never before had he met with a case which baffled him so persistently as this. From the honr when he knelt beside her in the snow by the sea road and had given his opinion that it was a "very serious matter" the patient had never been wholly out of his mind.

It made him angry to think that the information contained in this first statement of his impressions of the case as he bent over Ellen Maxey's shoulder and saw the white face looking up by the light of the lantern was about the sum and substance of all he had been able to learn since, but such was the fact. What more could be say with any certainty today than this? To be sure, it had puzzled older men than he, but that was small consolation to a mind like Lamar's. The greater the obstacles the more determined he became to over-

"Either I will be the death of this problem or it will be the death of me," he said to himself, and with this conviction he had set to work to save his own life. He saw the patient so often that he photographed every look and motion she was accustomed to make upon his mind. Not the movement of a muscle, not the twitching of an evelid escaped him. He went about studying every one of these apparent trivialities and trying to account for it.

Just as Maxey treasured up every scrap of evidence which promised to throw any light on the great double mystery which entirely nonplused the police, so the physician, constituting himself a medical detective, looked upon the various symptoms of the girl's condition as so many clews to the great pathological mystery which was baffling him. During the weeks following the discovery of Annette he reread almost his entire library on brain diseases. Afterward he borrowed from a friend.

One night he came across a passage which startled him. It was the particular statement of the symptoms of a patient in a German hospital who died with a strange malady that completely mystified the physicians. The result of the post mortem examination appended showed that the secret cause of his death was a cerebral complication, the chief factor in which was a tumor in the brain. A footnote suggested that this abnormal growth had probably been caused by a fall.

Perhaps it was because he watched with a new idea in his mind, but it was the very next day, when Lamar renewed his observations at the bedside of the patient in Ballavoine place, that he detected the spasmodic symptoms for the first time. The result was that he became convinced. He could scarcely conceal his delight when he came to take his depar-

Miss Maxey was a quick reader of faces, and of his face in particular. She stopped kim at the door and said shyly, but determinedly:

"You have some good news for us, but you are so afraid that we shall be disappointed that you hesitate to tell it?" "No," said Lamar, "but I think I work have located her disorder. However, I young am not an authority in this matter. I shall bring some friends here, with your

He smiled so pleasantly to himself that Ellen was delighted. 'Surely, if this be true, you will know

leave, this afternoon."

just what to do to cure her?" "Cure? I said nothing about curing. No. It is necessarily fatal in its re

sults. She flashed one look of horror and indignation into his face and turned away without a word. Poor Dr. Lamar forgot

to smile on his way to the street. But a moment before he had felt a glow of professional pride in what he ventured to hope was the success of a daring diagnosis. As he emerged into the sunlight an intimate friend might have thought, from his crestfallen expression, that he had met with a severe defeat. However, this did not prevent him from calling on some of his fellow phy-

sicians, and that afternoon a conneil of grave and dignified men stood around the bedside of poor Annette. If it liad cost the artist anything, that little consultation in the back sitting room would have proved an expensive luxury. But fortunately for him Dr. Lamar was his friend, and there was sufficient interest in the case to make these wise and highly paid individuals in black coats think it worth their while to have a hand in it for their own information.

While they were present the artist and his sister were excluded from the room. When the meeting was over, Lamar called them in. They found the physician rubbing his hands in a state of unmistakable elation. In fact, his of unmistakable elation. In fact, his spirits were so high that they somewhat of independence in a vine would yet effect obscured his vision. He did not seem to notice Miss Maxey's presence, and when Julian asked him how the case stood he burst out with an enthusiasm which would have done credit to the artist himself.

"I was right! I was right! They have agreed with me exactly!" Miss Maxey suddenly burst into tears and left the room.

"She is overjoyed!" cried Maxey. "Unfortunately, no," said the phy-sician, biting his lip in vexation. "



"I was right! I was right!"

this morning that if my diagnosis was correct the disease was necessarily fatal. You must tell her, Maxey, that I made a mistake. I thought so at the time, but I find I was mistaken. There is one chance in a thousand that by submitting to a dangerous operation which will be very likely to either kill or cure her the patient will recover. Without that operation she is doomed to suffering and death.

"What an alternative!" cried Maxey,

"I am sorry it is not in my power to offer you a better one, but in the present state of science I cannot. There is a relentless substance, no bigger than the and of my little finger, remorselessly eating its way into her brain. If it is allowed to go on unchecked, it will do its fatal work. The only way to check it is to remove it. That is a rare and dangerous experiment, which we read of indeed in old books, such as Sir Astley Cooper's compilations of 50 years ago, but so rarely resorted to in practice that I did not know until today it was successfully accomplished very recently in England. There is searcely a precedent to that operation. Now you understand the case. It remains for you to say whether the patient shall go to the hospital and be operated upon or remain here and

"Would the operation, if successful, restore her to her mind and memory?"

questioned Maxey engerly. "It does not follow at all. The very matter that has confused and bafiled all our calculations so long is the complexity of the symptoms. Beside the epileptiform symptoms arising from the tumor, which, by the way, must have been well along in its dangerous work before the accident at the beach read, there are the psychical results of a curious mental disturbance. Perhaps the mental trouble was the consequence of the fright and would have been soon conquered but for the work of the tumor. All this is conjecture. The possible result remains to be seen. Shall I go on or not?"

Two hours later Maxey gave his reply: "Go on. '

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Twelve miles north of Norwich, Conn., is one of the most wonderful illy ponds in all America. It is a take one mile in diameter, so closely grown with lilies that during blossoming time it is hard to get a glimpse of the water. When the wind is strong and the lilies are open the perfume of them is perceptible a quarter

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#### FOR AND About Woman.

That sermon of Rev. Dr. Talmage last Sunday on the future opening to women contained many magnificent things. Instance this: "I denounce the dea prevalent in society that though our young women may embroider slippers and crochet and make mats for lamps to stand on without disgrace, the idea of doing anything for a livelihood is dishonorable. It is a shame for a young woman belonging to a large family to be inefficient when the father oils his life away for her support. It is a shame for a daughter to be idle while her mother toils at the washtub. It is as honorable to sweep house, make beds, or trim hats, as it is to twist a watch chain. As far as I can under stand the line of respectability lies between that which is useful and that which is useless. If women do that is of no value their honorable. That our wemen may escape censure of doing disnoncrable work I shall particularize. You may knit a tidy for the back of an armchair, but by no means make the money where-with to buy the chair. You may, with delicate brush, beautify a mantel ornament, but die rather than earn enough to buy a marble mantel. You may learn artistic music until you can squall Italian, but never sing 'Orton-ville' or 'Old Hundred.' Do nothing practical, if you would in the eyes of refined society, preserve your respecta-bility. I scout these finnical notions. I tell you no woman, any more than a man, has a right to occupy a place in this world unless she pays a rent for it. In the course of a lifetime you consume whole harvests and droves of cattle, and every day you live breathe forty hogaheads of good pure air. You must, by some kind of usefulness, pay for all

ONE MODERN RHYME: Once upon a time Vomen were the vine Women were the vine
That clung unto the fabled sturdy on
They say it's not the proper thing,
However, now to cling.
And this theory's bound to be a joke.

The oak trees of today Have such a selfish way Of thinking that the earth is theirs alone, The timid trusting vine To resent this doth incline:

She wants a foot of ground to call her own. She knows that she was born The oak tree to adorn, But all she asks are light and room to

grow. Did not the same dear earth Give both vine and oak tree birth? It is hard to make an oak believe it, though,

Still, I shouldn't wonder much A change of much—uny, more, Than the world's been looking for.

It may do more good than you or I expect,
-Pittsburg Fost.

The recent plea of Mrs. Mary Put-nam Jacobi before the suffrage committee before the New York constitutional convention for a recognition of equal rights is described as a wonderful one, that received undivided attention and many compliments. Among other things Mrs. Jacobi said:

Since 1846, when was framed the constiution under which this state has since ived, immense changes have been effected in the industrial, legal and educational status of women. The tremendous infla-nce of untrammeled liberty of thought in degree of personal liberty for women hith-erto unparalleled. The temendous activity of industrial extension has drawn women into the vortex of industrial life, so that they have become important and recognized factors in the wealth of the state. It is not, however, as industrials alone that women today occupy important rela-tions to the wealth of the state. They are arge holders of property, acquired either through their own exertions, through gifts, through marital right, or by inherit-It is estimated that throughout the state women hold property in their own name to the amount of nt least \$500,000,000. On this immense property women pay taxes, and yet remain unrepresented in the legis-latures that apportion the taxation. Until, practically, today, the inequalities of political rights have been along lines of cial class distinction. The well born. the powerful, the educated, the rich, have ruled. The poor, the ignorant, the help-less have submitted. But today, for the first time, classes have been indistinguishably fused; all previous lines of clearage have been consolidated into one great line of demarcation which makes a political class out of a sex. For the first time, all political right, privilego and power reposes undisguised on the one brutal fact of unsupported, untempered, unaltered by an attribute of education, any justification of intelligence, any glamor of wealth, any prestige of birth, any insignia of actual power. For the first time women—no natter how well born, how well educated, how intelligent, how rich, how services ble to the state—have been rendered the colitical interiors of all men no matter how hase born, roverty stricken, how ig-norant, how victous, how brutal. The pauper in the alm-house may vote—the lady who devotes herself to getting that almshouse made habitable may not. The tramp who begs cold vituals in the kitchen may vote; the heiress who feeds and endows a university may not Communities are agitated and legis stores convuised to devise means to secure the right of suffrage to the illiterate roter. And the writer, journalists, phy-dcians, teachers, the wives and daughters and companions of the best educated men in the states, are left in silence, blotted out, swamped, obliberated behind this cloud of often tesotted ignorance.

WHEN WOMEN VOTE:

With women voting man would b Close hampered in the strife; if both were nominated, he Would dare not beat his wife, -Cleveland Plaindenier.

"There is, says Talmage, "no hap-piness in an idle woman. It may be with hand, it may be with brain, it may be with foot; but work she must, be wretched forever. The little girls of our families must be started with that idea, The curse of our American society is that our young women are taught that the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, tenth, fif-



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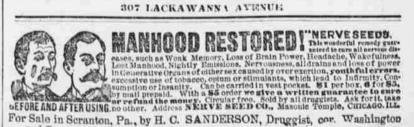
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